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ABSTRACT

This guide is one in a series of thematic units designed especially for deaf and hard of hearing children in kindergarten through elementary grades. The series is grounded on the principle that language instruction for these children needs to be repetitive, visual, and taught in a myriad of contexts. It utilizes the language experience approach and techniques including interactive writing, explicit vocabulary instruction, book reading, use of recipes, student-made books, auditory training, and group story boards. The 29 lesson plans are presented in a format which briefly describes the lesson, identifies related curriculum areas, lists vocabulary words, lists needed materials, offers any preparatory information, summarizes the lesson process, and suggests variations and extensions. Also included is a list of suggested children's books about ants and 21 templates and worksheets for use with the lessons. (DB)

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